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• Jalan Parlimen,
50480 Kuala Lumpur.
Tel: 03-2936661/2936664

• Kuala Lumpur Railway Station,
Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin,
50050 Kuala Lumpur.
Tel: 03-2746063

• Level 2, Menara Dato' Onn,
Putra World Trade Centre,
45, Jalan Tun Ismail,
50480 Kuala Lumpur.
Tel: 03-4411295

• Terminal 1, Subang I'nal Airport,
47200 Subang,
Selangor.
Tel: 03-7465707

• Malaysia Tourism Information
Complex (MATIC)
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50450 Kuala Lumpur.
Tel: 03-2423929

• Bayan Lepas International Airport,
10200 Penang.

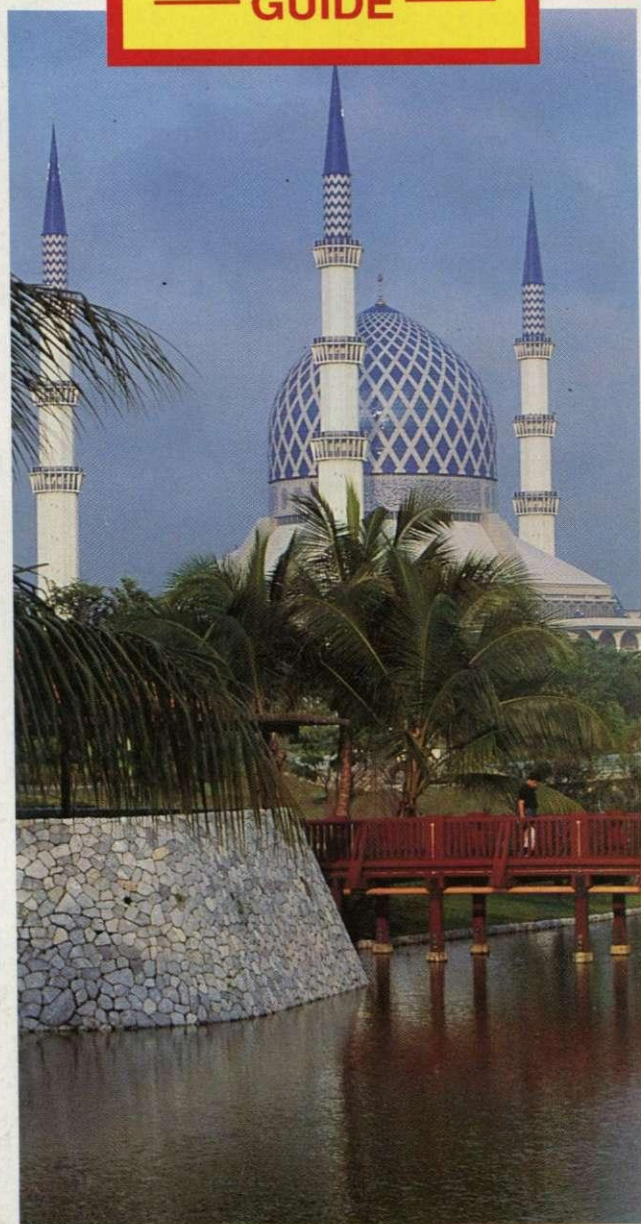
• Kuah Jetty Complex,
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SELANGOR

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ECONOMY

Resource-rich Selangor is Malaysia's premier State, being the richest and the most well-developed. Its economy is today well-diversified, covering a good mixture of the agricultural, industrial, commercial and tourism sectors.

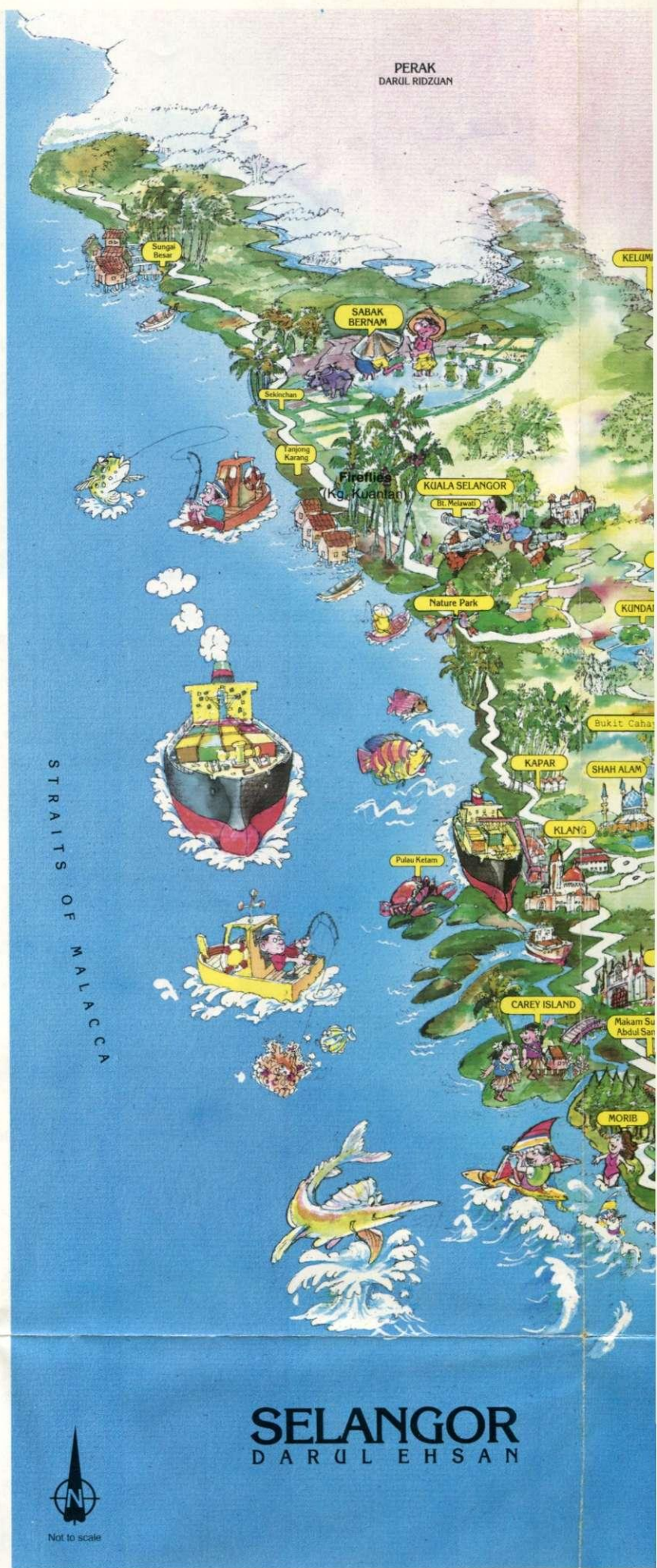
Though rubber, palm-oil, and tin mining are the mainstay of the economy, the development of its port, Pelabuhan Klang, and the rapidly expanding industrial areas are increasingly contributing towards the prosperity of the State.

Tourism is also beginning to have a major impact on the economy, and Selangor is in the process of developing its many attractions, both natural and man-made.

ACCOMMODATION

Selangor can offer many types of accomodation, ranging from the budget to the 5-star hotels. In most of the smaller towns, there are rest houses where visitors can have a decent meal and a good night's rest at very reasonable rates. Listed below are some hotels.

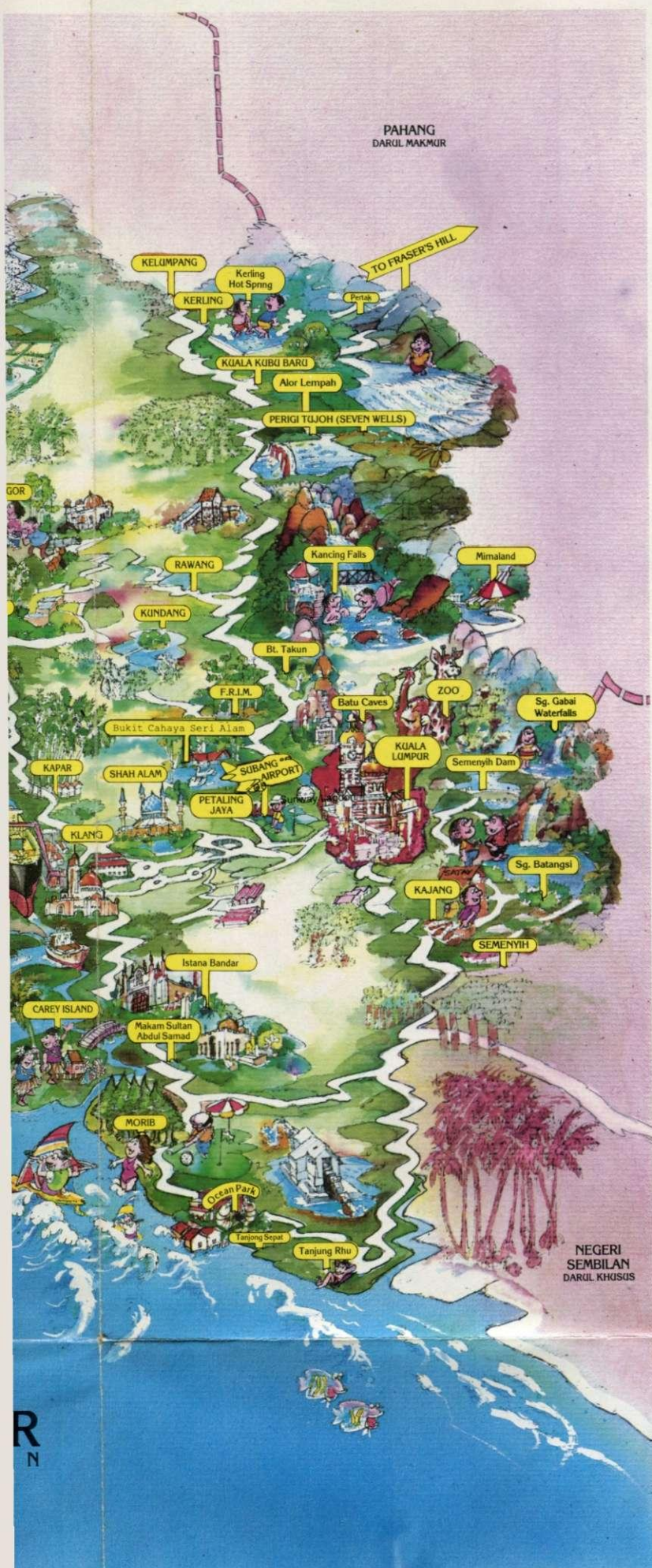
Name and Address	Telephone/ Fax	No. of Rooms/ Rates
Petaling Jaya Hilton 2, Jalan Barat P.O. Box 46760 46200 Petaling Jaya	03-7559122 7553533 Fax: 03-7553909	398 rooms From RM260 - RM1,000
Hyatt Saujana Subang International Airport Highway P.O. Box 111 46710 Petaling Jaya	03-7461188 Fax: 03-7462789	223 rooms From RM280 - RM322
The Merlin Subang P.O. Box 22, Subang Jaya 47509 Petaling Jaya	03-7335211 Fax: 03-7331299	149 rooms From RM205 - RM295
Shah's Village Motel 3 & 5, Lorong Sultan 46710 Petaling Jaya	03-7569702 7569322 Fax: 03-7557715	44 rooms From RM130
South Pacific Hotel 7, Jalan 52/16 Off Jln. Yong Shook Lin 46200 Petaling Jaya	03-7569922 Fax: 03-7569734	23 rooms From RM29 - RM46
NPC Hotel P.O. Box 512 Jalan Barat Petaling Jaya	03-7562100 Fax: 03-7578068	73 rooms From RM140 - RM240
Holiday Villa No. 9, SS 12/1 Subang Jaya 47500 Petaling Jaya	03-7338788 Fax: 03-7578014	380 rooms From RM250 - RM1,500
Subang Airport Hotel 2nd Floor, Kompleks Airtel Fima K.L. Subang International Airport 47200 Subang	03-7462122 Fax: 03-7461097	157 rooms From RM200 - RM400
Holiday Inn Shah Alam Plaza Perangang Persiaran Perbandaran 40000 Shah Alam	03-5503696 Fax: 03-5503913	154 rooms From RM280 - RM850
7A Lodge 7A, Jalan Sukun 4/7, Section 4, 40000 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan.	03-5599225 5592763 Fax: 603-5505285	24 rooms (the only budget accommodation in Shah Alam)



SELANGOR
DARUL EHSAN



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Listed below are some restaurants and food centres.

Restaurants

Baluchi Restaurant
15 Lorong University C
Petaling Jaya
Tel: 03-7573021

Eden Sea Food Village
25-31 Jalan SS22/23
Damansara Jaya
Tel: 03-7193184

Shiraz Restaurant
4, Jalan SS19/36
Petaling Jaya
Tel: 03-7556651

Bismi Restoren
11, Jalan 52/2
Petaling Jaya
Tel: 03-7569588

H&H Cafe & Cuisine
44, Jalan SS2/67
Petaling Jaya
Tel: 03-7761740

Castell Pub & Grill
19, Lorong University C
Petaling Jaya
Tel: 03-7550532

Restaurant Pik Wah
Jaya Supermarket
Petaling Jaya
Tel: 03-7571427

Restaurant Syed
13, Jalan Barat
Petaling Jaya
Tel: 03-7555753

Thai Kitchen
28, Jalan SS2/61
Petaling Jaya
Tel: 03-7765693

Formosa Restaurant
26, Jalan SS2/67
Petaling Jaya
Tel: 03-7761289

Sri Thai Restaurant
Wisma Selangor
Jalan University
Petaling Jaya
Tel: 03-7563535

Zarah Cafeteria
Kompleks PKNS
Shah Alam
Tel: 03-5505930

Sri Siam Restaurant
58, Jalan SS2/24
Petaling Jaya
Tel: 03-7753076

Kelana Sea Food
Lot 1122, Jalan Perbandaran
Seksyen 7, Kelana Jaya
Tel: 03-7191206

Impian Ku Restaurant
99 Jalan SS14/1
Subang Jaya
Tel: 03-7346092

Shezan Restaurant
7, Jalan SS15/5A
Subang Jaya
Tel: 03-7335753

Lake View Floating Restaurant
Tasik Tengah, Taman Tasik
Shah Alam
Tel: 03-5505995

The Bagan Sea Food Village (M) Sdn. Bhd.
Bagan Hailam
Port Klang
Tel: 03-3674546

Restaurant Serai
5 Jalan 3/13A,
Shah Alam
Tel: 03-5505729

Food Centres

Taman Selera
Old Town, Petaling Jaya

Medan Ria
Section 14, Petaling Jaya

The Pot-Luck Terrace
Subang Parade
Subang Jaya

Gerei Makan
Section 2, Shah Alam

Gerei Makan
Section 16, Shah Alam

Gerei Makan
Section 17, Shah Alam

Gerei Makan
Section 18, Shah Alam

Gerei Makan
Section 24A & B, Shah Alam

Gerei Makan
Section 23, Shah Alam

Gerei Makan
Section 15A & B, Shah Alam

Gerei Makan
Section 19, Shah Alam

FESTIVALS

The vibrant and colourful festivals that Malaysians celebrate are a direct result of our multi-racial society, and they are almost without parallel. These take place throughout the year, some only at state level while others are nation-wide, and each is distinctive of a particular ethnic or religious group.

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K.L. Subang
International Airport
47200 Subang

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Selangor Darul Ehsan.

03-5599225
5592763
Fax: 603-5505285

24 rooms
(the only budget
accommodation in Shah Alam)

Deluxe Hotel
41, Persiaran Raja
Muda Musa
42000 Pelabuhan Klang

03-3686504
3686505

12 rooms
From RM15.00 – RM35.00

Embassy Hotel
2-8, Jalan Kern
42000 Pelabuhan Klang

03-3686901

35 rooms
From RM44.00 – RM52.82

International Hotel
174A, Persiaran Raja
Muda Musa
42000 Pelabuhan Klang

03-3688746

10 rooms
From RM15.00 – RM35.00

Sri Morib Hotel
Batu 281/2, Jalan Morib
42700 Banting

03-8581125

20 rooms
From RM52.00 – RM71.00

NOTE: All rates quoted are to be taken as a guide only and are subject to change without notice.



Subang Parade Shopping Complex

SHOPPING

Shopping in Selangor is an experience in itself. Shops can vary from traditional open markets to ultra-modern airconditioned shopping centres and department stores, and anything in between. The former is a bargain hunters' paradise, while in the latter the prices are fixed and most of the major credit cards are accepted.

Selangor offers a wide variety of goods, ranging from handcrafted items from all over the country to imported goods which include electronic equipment, clothing and fashion items.



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Pasar Tani

Pasar Malam

Don't miss out on the Pasar Malam (night market) or you'll miss a facet of life that is truly Malaysian. Many Malaysian housewives shop for the week's foodstuffs at the Pasar Malam. This type of market comprises a group of roving hawkers who gather on certain designated roads each week, to hawk a wide variety of goods – from fresh meat, vegetables, fruits and other foodstuffs, to clothes, shoes, toys, hardware and kitchen utensils – under neon lights and blaring music. A good haggle over price is all part of shopping here.

Pasar Tani

The Pasar Tani, or farmer's market, offers the farmers a chance to sell their produce directly to the consumer at wholesale prices and the sight of the huge heaps of vegetables and fruits, fresh out of the fields, is enough to make anyone drool in anticipation of a good meal.

DINING OUT

One of the best things that Malaysia has to offer the visitor is its wide choice of food, and Selangor's restaurants and hawker stalls are the best and most varied; a reflection of its cosmopolitan society.



The distinctively spicy Malay foods, such as *satay*, *rendang* and *laksa*, and the many palm sugar and coconut-based desserts such as *cendol* and *kueh daun pandan* (pandan leaf cake) are a delight to even the most jaded palate. The endless variety of Chinese dishes, stir-fried, steamed or roasted, such as fried *mee* (noodles), dim sum and roast duck, are a gourmet's delight. Indian food ranges from northern Indian to southern Indian, and from fully vegetarian to fish curries to chicken tandoori, roti canai – the fried bread (watch it being made), is a must and is best eaten with the hands and some fish or chicken curry.

Chances are that none of these dishes are quite the same in their country of origin, because they have all become truly "Malaysianised", having adopted flavours and ingredients from other ethnic groups in the country.

Seafood is one of Selangor's specialties, and many restaurants offer it almost exclusively. Though some are found in the cities, the best ones are found in the towns and villages along the coast such as Pelabuhan Klang, Kuala Selangor and Sekincau.

Western food is of course not lacking. The many international hotels list a large variety of dishes, ranging from plain fish and chips to spaghetti and sirloin steaks. For people in a hurry, most of the major fast food chains have outlets in the larger towns.

The cheapest and therefore most popular eating places are the roadside hawkers who offer a full range of Malay, Chinese and Indian food. There are also many fascinating local desserts to try, as well as drinks. Coconut or sugarcane juice, available anywhere in the country, are great thirst-quenchers, especially on a hot day.



Typical open air food stalls

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Children celebrating Hari Raya

of Thaipusam, the Chinese Lantern Festival, the Buddhist Wesak Day, the Orang Asli's Mahmeri festival and of course Christmas.

GETTING AROUND

Selangor has the best developed highways and roads in the country which are served by an extensive transportation network. Several transport companies offer bus services between towns, and the larger towns also have a good internal bus service.

Taxis provide quick means of transport. They are easily available. Those which travel within towns are fitted with metres. For taxis requested through radio-phone system, there is a RM1.00 surcharge. For the first 2km or part thereof - RM1.50. For each subsequent 200m - 10 sen.

Long distance travel by taxi is another favoured means of getting to and from places, and these are usually hired on a shared basis at fixed rates.

TAXI SERVICES

Comfort Corp. - Subang Jaya
Tel: 03-7330507/7352525

Subang International Airport
Tel: 03-7465705

Public Cab Sdn. Bhd.
Tel: 03-7198164/7180736

Section 17, Shah Alam
Tel: 03-5507449

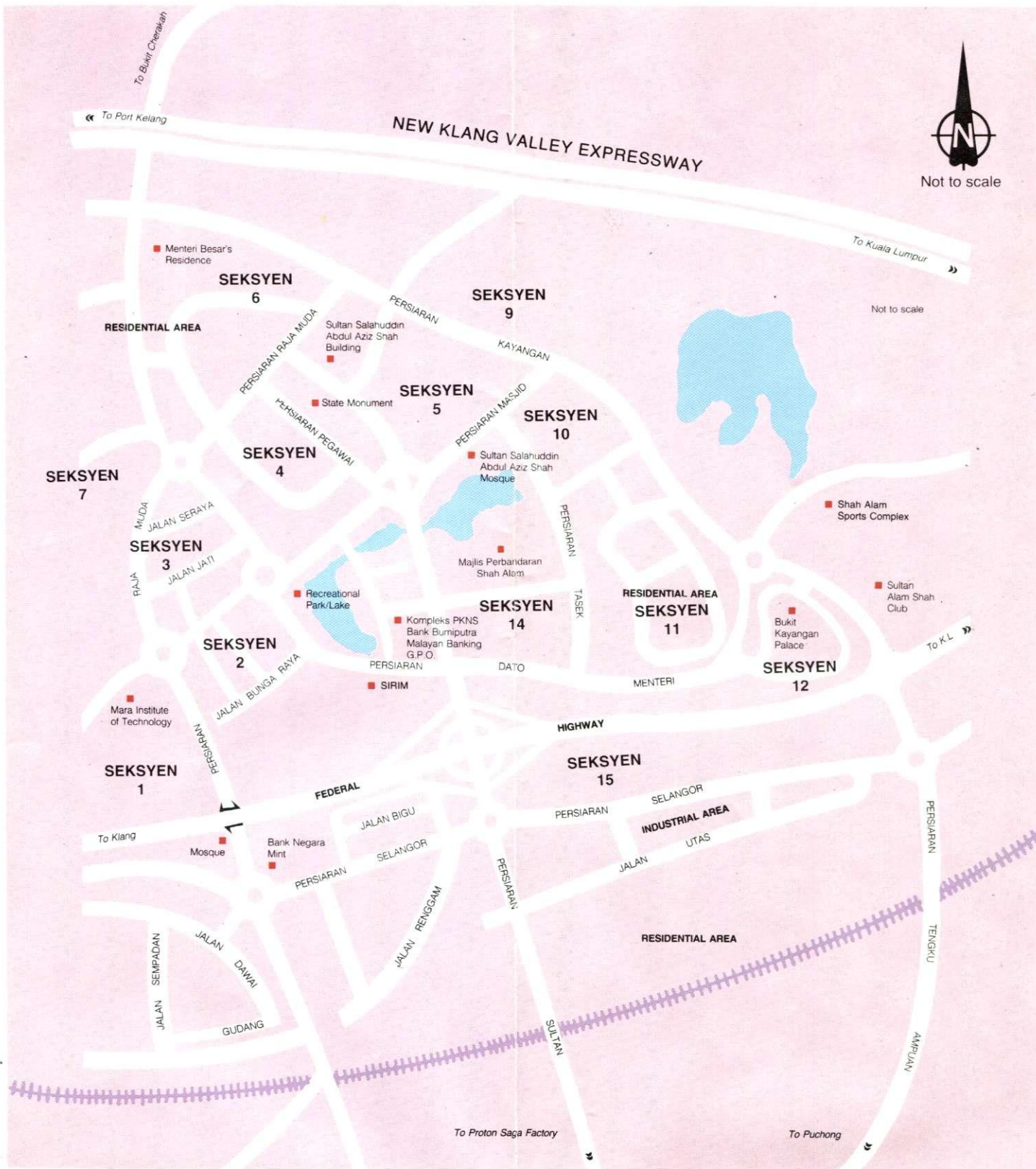
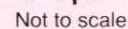
Syarikat Kendaraan Perkasa - P.J.
Tel: 03-7763458

Teksi & Kereta Sewa
Shah Alam
Tel: 03-7552805

Sri Petaling
Syk. Kendaraan & Pengangkutan
Tel: 03-7184663

Badan Kebajikan
Pemandu Teksi Melayu
Tel: 03-6896544

Jalan Pos Baru Klang
Tel: 03-3421345, 3421385



PLACES OF INTEREST

SHAH ALAM

Shah Alam, the new capital city of Selangor, is located about 30km west of Kuala Lumpur. Its skyline is dominated by the huge, blue aluminium dome of the state Mosque. This dome is reputed to be the largest of its kind in the world. The state capital can also boast of the world's only agricultural park. Called *Taman Pertanian*, the 1,290 hectare park at Bukit Cahaya Seri Alam is still in the process of being developed. Its planners have in mind an open-air university for the dual purpose of recreation and education. Here's a place to learn all about trees for they will all be name-tagged. Currently, the park's facilities include a briefing centre, camping and picnic sites, piped water, fish ponds and a museum. An aviary is open now to the public

Admission fee: RM2.00 adult RM1.00 children
Opens: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm Daily
Tel: 03-5506922



Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Building

The town is being designed from the bottom up as the showpiece city of the future, free from the inherent problems of haphazard development and shanty towns. Built on previously undeveloped land, it follows a blueprint drawn up by urban planners and environmentalists.



Bukit Cahaya Seri Alam Agricultural Park

PETALING JAYA

Originally built as a satellite town and suburb of Kuala Lumpur, Petaling Jaya, or P.J. as it is commonly called, has grown into a mature, self-contained town, with modern shopping centres, hospitals, schools, cinemas, and recreation parks. Although primarily a residential area, it is rapidly also evolving into a major commercial and industrial centre.



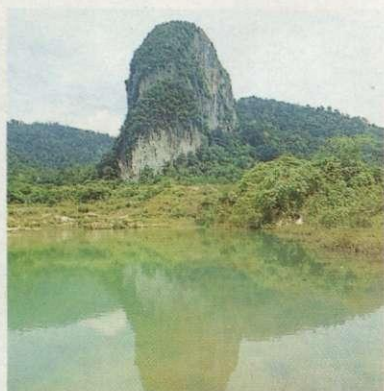
Shah Alam Lake



Kanching Falls

TEMLER PARK AND VICINITY

Set in a backdrop of lush green forest and limestone hills, Templer Park is just 20 km north of Kuala Lumpur off the North-South Highway. Templer Park consists of 500 hectares of forest, rich in Malaysian flora and fauna including a large variety of butterflies and other insects, birds and monkeys.



Bukit Takun

A swimming pool, filled by the water of a natural stream, is one of the attractions, as are walks in the forest.

The more adventurous can try to make their way into the cave in Anak Bukit Takun, a 100m high limestone hill, near the edge of the Park.

Alternatively, one could try to find the route to the top of the nearby 350m high Bukit Takun, in the

adjacent Serendah forest reserve, to view the razor-edged, 30m high, limestone pinnacles. The latter is quite dangerous and should only be done with experienced guides and special equipment. Less than a kilometre further north are the many cascades of the Kanching Waterfalls, commonly referred to as the Templer Park Falls. The many levels of the falls, altogether rising a couple of hundred metres, offer endless space and opportunity for picnicking, swimming, photography or just relaxing from the pressures of city life.

MORIB

The Allied Forces landed on this small stretch of beach in September 1945, marking the end of the Japanese Occupation of Malaya. It is the ideal place for the visitor in search of the quiet countryside, with a golf course, a small resthouse and a hotel.



Morib

ROYAL SELANGOR

Considering the role that tin has played in Selangor's history, it is hardly surprising that Malaysian pewter is counted among the best in the world! Pewter items, made from refined tin, antimony, and copper, are among the favourite souvenirs bought by visitors, and a wide variety of items, many with practical uses, such as mugs, goblets, penholders, cutlery, figurines, etc... can be bought.



Batu Caves

BATU CAVES

First discovered over 100 years ago, the Batu Caves have never ceased to attract visitors. Only 13 km north of Kuala Lumpur, just off the main road to Ipoh, they consist of three main caves and a number of smaller caves.

The best known of these caves is the Temple Cave, a large cavern with a vaulted ceiling about 100m above the floor. To reach it one has to climb 272 steps, a feat performed by the many Hindus on the way to the cave to make devotions to their god. Every year, on Thaipusam, as many as 800,000 devotees and other visitors may throng the cave. As a form of penance or sacrifice, many of them carry *kavadis*. These are large, brightly decorated frame-works, usually combined with various metal hooks and skewers which are used to pierce the skin, cheeks and tongue.

A little below the Temple Cave is the Dark Cave, a two-kilometre long network of relatively untouched caverns containing a large number of cave animals, including several found nowhere else in the world! Access to this cave is restricted and permission and guides must be obtained from the Malayan Nature Society.

At the foot of the steps is the Art Gallery Cave, in which are displayed statues and wall paintings depicting Hindu mythology. Access is via a concrete walkway spanning a small lake and a nominal entrance fee is charged.

Local buses to Batu Caves can be taken at the Pudu Raya Bus Terminal in Kuala Lumpur.

The factory is located in the light industrial area of Setapak, and one can see a demonstration of the skills of the craftsmen.

Opening Hours:

8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Monday to Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sundays & public holidays

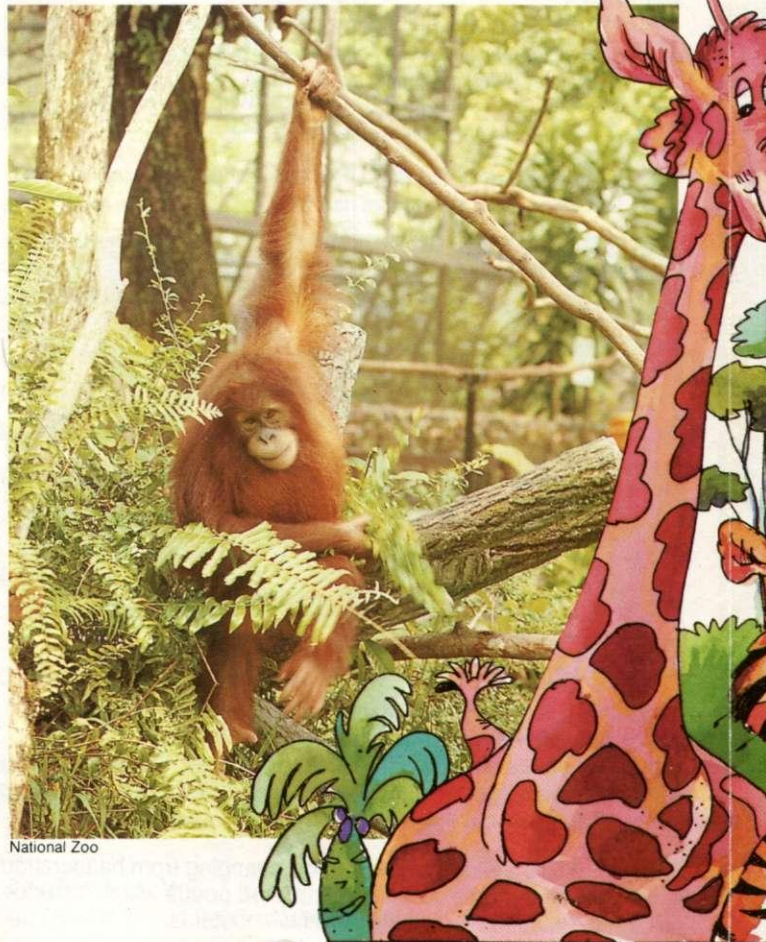
Tel: 03-4221000

ZOO NEGARA AND THE AQUARIUM

Situated 13 km from the centre of Kuala Lumpur, the National Zoo and Aquarium is a very popular attraction. It has very large grounds, with facilities suitable for picnics, and approximately 400 species of Malaysian and exotic mammals, birds and reptiles. A reptile house and a large Primate display has just been opened. There are a number of educational displays and camel, elephant and trolley train rides are available.

The Tunku Abdul Rahman Aquarium displays over 80 species of aquatic animals, both marine and freshwater, including invertebrates.

The Zoo and Aquarium are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, including public holidays, and admission costs RM4.00 for adults and RM1.00 for children. An additional charge of RM2.00 is imposed for each camera taken in. Tel: 03-4083422



National Zoo

KLANG

Though now overshadowed by Shah Alam, Klang can nevertheless bask in the glory of its past, when it played a significant role in the history of Selangor's development. It was the former capital of Selangor, and from its strategic position overlooking the Klang river, it guarded the entrance to Klang Valley.

From Klang, you can take a ferry to Pulau Ketam (Crab Island), a fishing village built on stilts. Off Klang too is Carey Island which is virtually a rubber plantation island.

Klang's fort, built by the Raja Mahdi (one of the main figures in the 19th century Selangor civil war), and the Klang Museum, formerly a storehouse which belonged to Raja Addullah (one of Raja Mahdi's opponents) are two historical landmarks which remind of the time when Klang was in its prime.



Pier at the old Port Klang



MIMALAND

Possessing the largest swimming pool in Southeast Asia, the tourist complex of Mimaland offers a wide variety of outdoor activities such as boating, fishing, swimming, and jungle walking. Located only 30 minutes drive (18 km) from Kuala Lumpur, the complex boasts 121 hectares of land. Visitors wishing to stay overnight have a choice of chalets or bagan style stilt houses built on the lake, and restaurants are also available for those who haven't brought picnic baskets. Tel: 03-6892133

Opens: 8.00 am - 12.00 pm Daily

Admission fee: RM2.00 adult

RM1.00 children

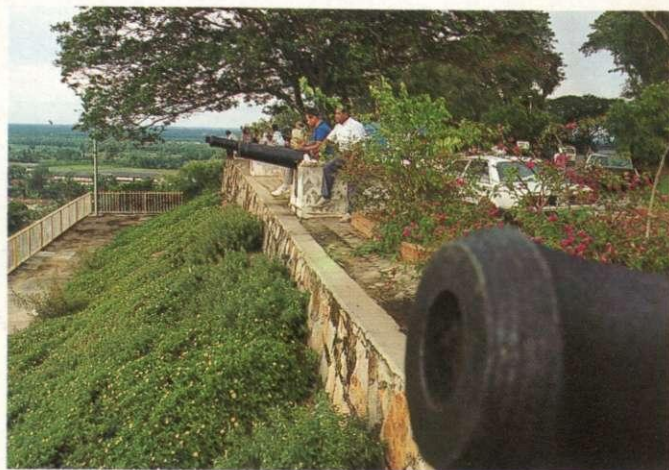


Swimming Pool at Mimaland



KUALA SELANGOR AND TANJUNG KARANG

Even before Klang became the capital city of Selangor, Kuala Selangor was the home of the Selangor Sultanate. Two fortresses were built on the hills overlooking the estuary of the Selangor river in order to guard the city. The larger of the two, standing on Bukit Melawati, is now the royal mausoleum containing the remains of Selangor's early Bugis rulers.



Bukit Melawati

Bukit Melawati overlooks the Kuala Selangor Nature Park, which is being jointly developed by the State Government and Malayan Nature Society. It consists of more than 250 hectares of coastal land, most of it mangrove swamp, and contains about 130 species of birds. An estimated 100,000 wading birds, comprising 30 odd species, pass through here on their annual migration. Artificial lakes have been created to attract some of these birds, and observation hides have been built to allow visitors to watch the birds without disturbing them. Leaf monkeys can also be seen in the mangroves. A Visitor's Centre with information and educational displays is located on Bukit Melawati, and a path leads from there to the Park. Kuala Selangor can be reached by buses from Kelang and from the Pudu Raya bus terminal in Kuala Lumpur. Not far from Kuala Selangor is Tanjung Karang, the state's rice bowl, and a visit there offers the chance to see the sweeping green (or gold, depending on the time of the year) fields of padi reaching out clear to the horizon!

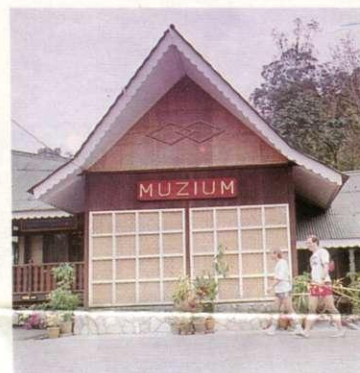
MUZIUM ORANG ASLI, GOMBAK

The orang Asli are the aboriginal people of Peninsular Malaysia, with an estimated population of over 60,000 and who,

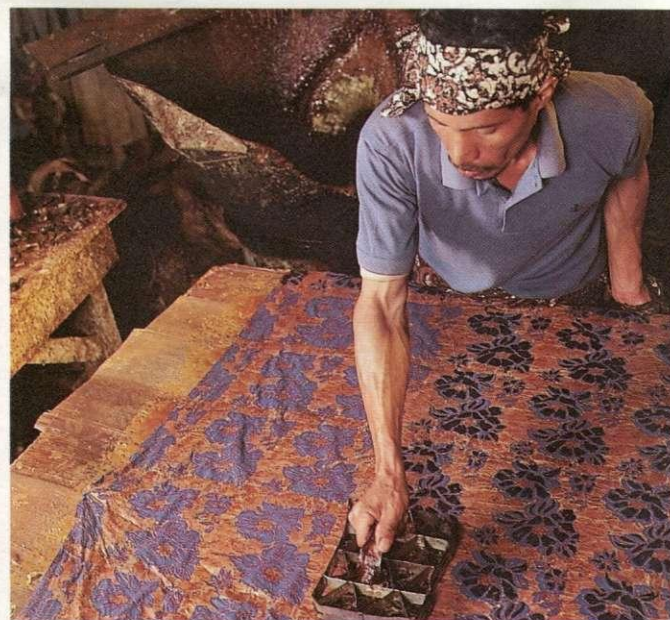
for the most part, still lead a simple yet fascinating lifestyle. This museum provides an insight into their culture with its large collection of native artifacts and information.

Opening Hours,
Sunday - Thursday
9.00 am - 5.00 pm :
Friday closed

Admission is free
Tel: 03-6892122



Orang Asli Museum



Batik Making

BATIK MALAYSIA BERHAD

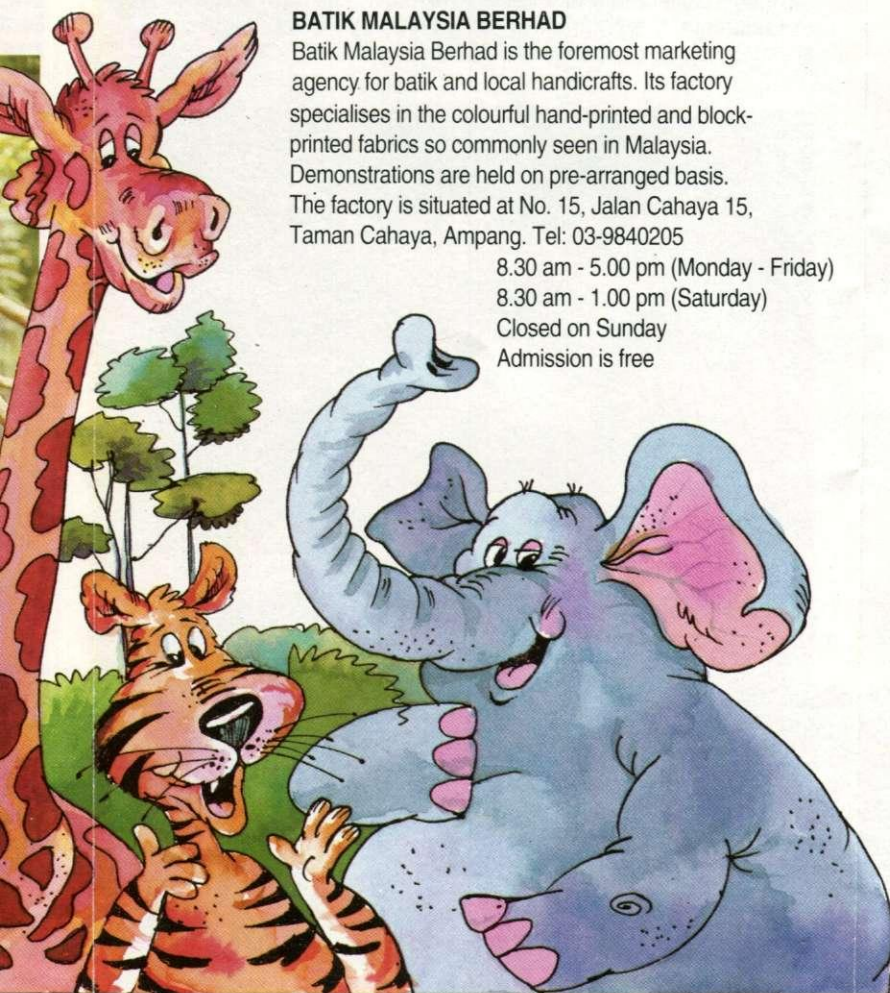
Batik Malaysia Berhad is the foremost marketing agency for batik and local handicrafts. Its factory specialises in the colourful hand-printed and block-printed fabrics so commonly seen in Malaysia. Demonstrations are held on pre-arranged basis. The factory is situated at No. 15, Jalan Cahaya 15, Taman Cahaya, Ampang. Tel: 03-9840205

8.30 am - 5.00 pm (Monday - Friday)

8.30 am - 1.00 pm (Saturday)

Closed on Sunday

Admission is free



Orang Asli Museum

Sunday - Thursday
9.00 am - 5.00 pm :
Friday closed
Admission is free
Tel: 03-6892122

Sunway Lagoon

Sunway Lagoon is Malaysia's premier waterpark. Located in Petaling Jaya the international standard water theme park offers an 80 ft high landscaped waterfall, giant waterslides, wave pool, speed slides, double twister and lots more to ensure a splashing good time. There are fast food restaurants.

Hours: Mon-Fri: 12MD-10pm

Sat/Sun/Public and School Holidays: 10am-10pm

Admission (includes unlimited rides)

Adult : RM15.00

Children (3-12 years): RM10

Free admission for kids under 3 years

No outside food is allowed in the premises.

Bus Services

From KL (Klang Bus Station):

Sri Jaya Bus - PJS

Sri Jaya Bus - 252 USJ

From Subang Jaya:

Sri Jaya Bus - 252 USJ

Sri Jaya Bus - 252B USJ

Sunway Lagoon

Tel: 03-7356000, 7358000



Sunway Lagoon

Fireflies Display

Ever watched the scintillating display of fireflies? Fireflies are found mostly in groups of a dozen to thousands in estaurine mangrove swamps. This unique nature's wonder can be seen at the lower reaches of the Selangor river banks. As the sun sets fireflies begin flashing - at a rate of 3 flashes per second for the male and once every 3 seconds for the female. Only the male flashes in synchrony.

Measuring not more than 2.5mm in diametre each, fireflies give the appearance of flashing Christmas tree lights.

You can either join a travel agency or you can drive to Kuala Selangor (45 minutes). Stop at Kg. Kuantan for the river trip.

Boats cost RM25.00 per trip.

Tel: 03-8892403 (9am-5pm)/ 03-8892294 (5pm-8pm).

Selangor Darul Ehsan, located on the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia, covers an area of approximately 8,000 sq. km., and is home to the largest port in the country, Pelabuhan (Port) Klang.

It is the most populated state in the country with about 1.5 million inhabitants, a large proportion of whom live around the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, though the balance is now shifting towards the new capital city of Shah Alam.

The climate is pleasant with a year round average temperature of 26°C (80°F) and a relative humidity of around 80%. Although sudden rainstorms can occur at almost any time, the wettest months are between December and February.

HISTORY

In the 16th century, rich tin deposits were found, attracting the attention of miners, immigrants, colonisers in search of new lands. By the middle of the 18th century, the Bugis had begun to dominate the state both politically and economically with their larger numbers. Their skills as navigators, traders and warriors allowed them to extend their sphere of influence, throughout the Peninsula. It was they too who established the present Sultanate of Selangor.

Fighting between the Bugis, Malay nobility, and Chinese tin-miners forced the Sultan to accept the presence of a British Resident in 1874, thus providing the British with a foothold in the state's administration.



Port Klang

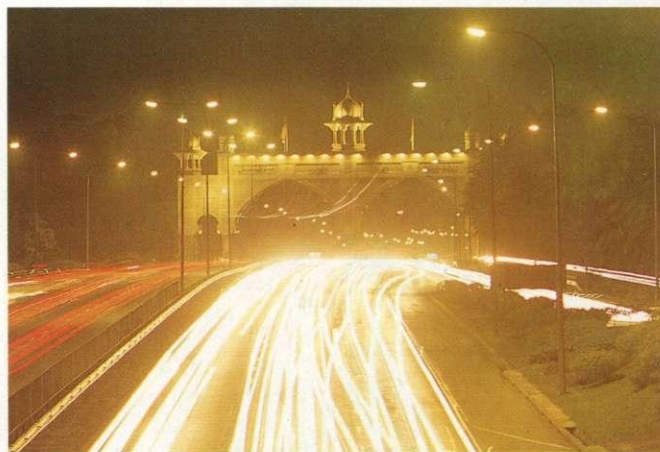
The increasing prosperity of Selangor caused the British to include Selangor in the Federated Malay States in 1896, bringing the total to four. In 1948 Selangor joined the Federation of Malaya which eventually gained independence from the British in 1957.



GOVERNMENT

The Sultan of Selangor is the head of the State, but the administration is run by the Menteri Besar (Chief Minister) and his cabinet of State Councillors.

In 1974, the country's capital city of Kuala Lumpur and some of the surrounding areas were ceded to the Federal Government for the establishment of a Federal Territory. Called Wilayah Persekutuan, it is completely surrounded by Selangor and there are many close economic and social links between them.



The Kota Darul Ehsan



Gedung Raja Abdullah